

An act to amend Section 10271.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
relating to public social services.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 10271.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

10271.5. (a) For purposes of establishing initial income eligibility for services under this chapter, “income eligible” means that a family’s adjusted monthly income is at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, as specified in subdivision (c).

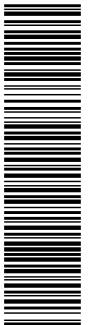
(b) For purposes of establishing ongoing income eligibility under this chapter, “ongoing income eligible” means that a family’s adjusted monthly income is at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, as specified in subdivision (c).

(c) The Department of Finance shall calculate the state median income for family sizes of one to four, inclusive, by using the most recent census data available on state median family income in the past 12 months by family size. The Department of Finance shall calculate the state median income for family sizes of five and above by using the most recent census data for a family of four and multiplying this number by the ratios for the appropriate family size used in the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (42 U.S.C. Sec. 8621 et seq.) and specified in federal regulations at paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 96.85 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Department of Finance shall update its calculations of the state median income for families according to the methodology provided in this subdivision and provide the updated data to the department no later than March 1 of each fiscal year.

(d) The income of a recipient of federal supplemental security income benefits pursuant to Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1381 et seq.) and state supplemental program benefits pursuant to Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 12000) of Part 3 shall not be included as income for purposes of determining eligibility for ~~child care~~ childcare under this chapter.

(e) Payments made on behalf of a child pursuant to Section 11460, 11461.3, 11461.36, or 11461.4 shall not be included as income for purposes of determining eligibility for childcare under this chapter.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, guaranteed income payments received by an individual shall not be included as income for purposes of determining eligibility for childcare under this chapter. For purposes of this subdivision, “guaranteed income payments” are defined as unconditional, recurring, regular cash payments, whether publicly or privately funded, that are intended to support the basic needs of eligible recipients, including, but not limited to, payments provided through pilot programs and projects receiving funding from the California Guaranteed Income Pilot Program (Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 18997) of Part 6).



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No. _____
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: Child Care and Development Services Act.

Existing law, the Child Care and Development Services Act, establishes a system of childcare and development services for children up to 13 years of age, which includes various programs and services, including, among others, CalWORKs stage 2 and stage 3 childcare, migrant childcare, childcare and development services for children with special needs, the alternative payment program, and head start programs. These programs and services are administered by the State Department of Social Services, as specified. Under existing law, for purposes of establishing initial income eligibility for services under the act, "income eligible" means that a family's adjusted monthly income is at or below 85% of the state median income, adjusted for family size. Existing law, for purposes of determining eligibility for childcare under the act, excludes income from federal supplemental security income benefits and state supplemental program benefits.

Existing law establishes, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, the California Guaranteed Income Pilot Program, to provide grants to eligible entities for the purpose of administering pilot programs and projects that provide a guaranteed income to designated recipients.

This bill would additionally exclude specified foster care payments made on behalf of a child, and guaranteed payments from income for purposes of determining eligibility for childcare under the act. The bill would define "guaranteed payment" to include, but not be limited to, payments received pursuant to the California Guaranteed Income Pilot Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

